

Ontario Lacrosse Association Annual General Meeting

2024 Proposed Amendments Package

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October 5: a properly submitted amendment was erroneously excluded; it has been added to Page 36.

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HK: denotes an amendment that is solely submitted for housekeeping





PROPOSED ARTICLE:	B 3.05
PROPOSED BY:	Sean O'Callaghan
DATE:	September 2, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

B3.05

Any person eighteen years of age or over who is a resident of the Province of Ontario and who has been nominated by a Director, Member Club or a Minor Association is eligible for election to the Board of Directors.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

B3.05

Any person eighteen years of age or over who is a resident of the Province of Ontario and who has been nominated by a Director, Member Club, or a Minor Association is eligible for election to the Board of Directors. The nomination must include the written consent of the nominee and must be submitted to the registered office of the Corporation by September 15th.

Nominations will be circulated to the members 30 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. In the event that there are no nominations for a position for which an election is scheduled to occur submitted by the deadline, an individual may be nominated from the floor of the Annual General Meeting.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This amendment clarifies the nomination process, and aligns the publication of nominations with the date by which amendments are circulated to the voting membership. This also aligns the nomination process with Lacrosse Canada Article 39, but expands the publication from 21 days to 30 days, allowing the voting membership to make an informed decision.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:B 3.07PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor BoxDATE:September 12, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

B3.07

The objectives, criteria and life member entitlements shall be those approved by the Board of Governors as part of the OLA Life Membership Policy. (See OR6.01)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

B3.07

The objectives, criteria and life member entitlements shall be those approved by the Board of Governors as part of the OLA Life Membership Policy. (See OR**5**.01)

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Corrects a typo.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:B 6.01PROPOSED BY:Dave Vernon, OLA Junior "B" CommissionerDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

B6.01

The affairs of the Corporation shall fall under the realm of a board known as the Board of Governors. A quorum shall be a majority of these governors.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

B6.01

The affairs of the Corporation shall fall under the realm of a board known as the Board of Governors. A quorum shall be a majority of these governors.

NOTE:

Any person eighteen years of age or over who is a resident of the Province of Ontario and who has been duly elected by an approved Member Council is eligible to sit on the Board of Governors.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Bylaw 3.05 states that Board of Directors members must be residents of Ontario and of the age of majority, so for consistency the same rule should apply to the Board of Governors, who manage the leagues and zones of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:B 7.03PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor BoxDATE:September 10, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

B7.03

A Discipline Committee of minimum three (3) people will be formed each year by the Board of Directors to deal with such items as match penalties or game misconducts. The Corporation will inform the clubs and the Zones of the decision in writing not later than three (3) business days after being handed out.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

B7.03

Sector-specific Discipline Committees of a minimum three (3) people will be formed each year by the Board of Directors to deal with **disciplinary matters as required.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The committees required are listed in Bylaw 7. The duties pertaining to the discipline committee are listed in the OR section. Each sector's automatic discipline policy identifies the representatives who are responsible for administering discipline, which were agreed to by both Minor Council and Junior-Major Operating Council prior to the 2023 season. This article removes language which is no longer part of the discipline process.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		





PROPOSED ARTICLE:OR 5.04PROPOSED BY:Chuck Miller, OLA Past PresidentDATE:September 12, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

OR5.04

A Screening Committee will be appointed for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Association. After a Committee member has served their three-year term, that person can be re-elected again for another three-year term. The Committee will consist of a Chairperson and two other members. The Screening Committee will always have two Life Members sitting on it, one of which must be the Chairperson. Their duty will be to receive all nominations for Life Membership, from the Executive Director of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, scrutinize them to determine that they all meet the required criteria and the Committee will bring the nomination(s) forward to the Board of Governors of the Ontario Lacrosse Association for their ratification. All non-approved nominations will be sent back to the Executive Director to be handled as stated in OR5.01 above.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

OR5.04

A Screening Committee will be appointed for a three-year term at the Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, **as outlined in B7.04(b)**. After a Committee member has served their three-year term, that person can be re-elected again for another three-year term. The Committee will consist of a Chairperson and two other members. The Screening Committee will always have two Life Members sitting on it, one of which must be the Chairperson. Their duty will be to receive all nominations for Life Membership, from the Executive Director of the Ontario Lacrosse Association, scrutinize them to determine that they all meet the required criteria and the Committee will bring the nomination(s) forward to the Board of Governors of the Ontario Lacrosse Association for their ratification. All non-approved nominations will be sent back to the Executive Director to be handled as stated in OR5.01 above.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To clarify where the information is found in the bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

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PROPOSED ARTICLE:OR 7.04PROPOSED BY:Chuck Miller, OLA Past PresidentDATE:September 12, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

OR7.04

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to enforce any agreement, financial or other, entered into by members of the Corporation. Any member association of the Corporation including zones and councils, refusing or failing to abide by the decision of the board of directors in such matters, shall be liable to forfeit its membership in the Corporation, and shall be eligible for reinstatement only upon compliance with the directive of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall be empowered to collect such defaulted obligations by deductions from performance bonds or any legal means.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

OR7.04

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to enforce any **policy**, agreement, financial or other, entered into by members of the Corporation. Any member association of the Corporation including zones and councils, refusing or failing to abide by the decision of the Board of Directors in such matters, shall be liable to forfeit its membership in the Corporation, and shall be eligible for reinstatement only upon compliance with the directive of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall be empowered to collect such defaulted obligations by deductions from performance bonds or any legal means.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to enforce policies in addition to regulations, including the discipline policy, social media policy, substance misuse policy, confidentiality policy, screening policy and inclusion policy.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:	OR 13, Section IV
PROPOSED BY:	Chuck Miller, OLA Past President
DATE:	September 12, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

Section IV – Discipline Procedures:

I. Any report alleging a breach of Member obligation under this Code of Conduct shall be submitted in writing, along with a completed Code of Conduct reporting form signed by two Board of Governors members, of whom only one may be a member of the Board of Directors, to the OLA Executive Director and the OLA office within 14 days of the event/occurrence.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

Section IV – Discipline Procedures:

I. Any report alleging a breach of Member obligation under this Code of Conduct shall be submitted in writing, along with a completed Code of Conduct reporting form signed by **the complainant and an executive member of their club, association, league or council**, to the OLA Executive Director and the OLA **Case Manager** within 14 days of the event/occurrence.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Currently, a Code of Conduct must be signed by two members of the Board of Governors, which may be difficult for club representatives to feel comfortable self-reporting to. Relaxing the requirement for two members of the Board of Governors, who the complainant may not know or feel comfortable reporting their concern to, which will allow for an easier complaint process. From that point, the Executive Director, President and Case Manager may jointly determine the correct course of action based on the nature of the complaint, including returning it to the league/zone/club to address, referring it to a First Level OLA Hearing, referring it to an outside agency, or dismissing it without merit.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		





PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 6.01PROPOSED BY:Reg Holinshead, OLA VP Junior-MajorDATE:September 15, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.01

Players must provide proof of online registration prior to any physical participation with any OLA teams. Those who have provided proof of online registration may be assigned to team rosters and approved (at the discretion of the Corporation), for all teams having fulfilled their financial obligations.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.01

Players must provide proof of online registration prior to any physical participation with any OLA teams. Those who have provided proof of online registration may be assigned to team rosters and approved (at the discretion of the Corporation), for all teams having fulfilled their financial obligations. Any Club or League found to have permitted a player to be participating prior to properly completing their online registration will be subject to a fine that does not exceed \$1000.00 per player. Such player will also be automatically ineligible to continue participating until their registration is reviewed by the OLA.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Participation of unregistered persons exposes all members to unnecessary risk. This amendment ensures Junior-Major club compliance with registration requirements.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 6.09PROPOSED BY:Reg Holinshead, OLA VP Junior-MajorDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.09

No Junior team shall have more than twenty-three players rostered at any one time. Major and Senior teams shall be allowed to roster twenty-five players at any one time. When the maximum number of players has been rostered, one must be released and removed from the roster before an additional player can be added in their place.

NOTE: After the Junior B and Junior C trade deadline (see R6.35 (b)), Junior A teams may roster players from Junior B and Junior C teams who have been eliminated from playoffs, to a maximum of 25 rostered players. Players must be returned to their Junior B or Junior C team at the end of the season. The fee to be charged to the Junior A teams for the use of players is limited to \$300 per player.

NOTE: After Junior B trade deadline (R6.35(b)), Junior A teams may sign players from Junior B teams, eliminated from playoffs, to a maximum of 25 signed players. Players must be returned to their Junior B team at the end of the season. Fee to be limited to \$300.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.09

No Junior team shall have more than twenty-three players rostered at any one time. Major and Senior teams shall be allowed to roster twenty-five players at any one time. When the maximum number of players has been rostered, one must be released and removed from the roster before an additional player can be added in their place.

NOTE: When Junior B and Junior C teams are eliminated from their league playoffs, Junior A teams may roster players from those teams, to a maximum of 25 rostered players for participation in Junior A. Players must be returned to their Junior B or Junior C team at the end of the season. The fee to be charged to the Junior A teams for the use of players is limited to \$300 per player.

NOTE: After Junior B trade deadline (R6.35(b)), Junior A teams may sign players from Junior B teams, eliminated from playoffs, to a maximum of 25 signed players. Players must be returned to their Junior B team at the end of the season. Fee to be limited to \$300.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To eliminate the unnecessary, redundant second note and also to clarify the ruling.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 6.14 (a) & (b)PROPOSED BY:Reg Holinshead, OLA VP Junior-MajorDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.14(a)

July 2nd shall be the final date for rostering or releasing player, except that players previously released from any team on or before July 2nd may be rostered in the same category (Junior A to Junior A, Junior B to Junior B, Junior C to Junior C), on or before July 15th, provided the team has an available roster spot. No further releases shall be allowed after July 2nd, until January 15th of the following year.

R6.14(b)

Up to July 15th, Junior players released on or before July 2nd may be rostered again with the same team, or if that team has its limit of twenty-three rostered, the player may go to the next nearest team which has an opening on their roster, and for which they are eligible. All players being rostered to a new team under this rule would remain the property of that team and could not be released or traded back to the releasing team the following year.

NOTE: Players released prior to June 1st would be exempt from this rule and, if released conditionally, would be eligible to return to their previous team in the following season.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.14(a)

July 1st shall be the final date for rostering or releasing players, except that players previously released from any team on or before **July 1st** may be rostered in the same category (Junior A to Junior A, Junior B to Junior B, Junior C to Junior C), on or before July 15th, provided the team has an available roster spot. No further releases shall be allowed after **July 1st**, until January 15th of the following year.

R6.14(b)

Up to July 15th, Junior players released on or before **July 1st** may be rostered again with the same team, or if that team has its limit of twenty-three rostered, the player may go to the next nearest team which has an opening on their roster, and for which they are eligible. All players being rostered to a new team under this rule would remain the property of that team and could not be released or traded back to the releasing team the following year.

NOTE: Players released prior to June 1st would be exempt from this rule and, if released conditionally, would be eligible to return to their previous team in the following season.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

July 1st was historically the deadline for rostering or releasing players. Then was modified to July 2nd or other dates because of mailing issues and the OLA Office being closed on July 1st. Now with everything being submitted electronically, July 1st makes the most sense and it doesn't matter about the holiday since no paperwork is being mailed in any more.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 6.14(d)PROPOSED BY:Jim Lowe, OJCLL CommissionerDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.14(d)

Junior players who are going to be reclassified to a lower category Junior team must be released by that Junior team holding the player's playing rights, and reclassified prior to June 15th of the current playing season, or as dictated by the lower category Policy Paper (for Junior B – second Monday in June, and players from Junior A or Junior B being released to Junior C must be reclassified by May 15th).

NOTE: Players being released after this date will be ineligible to move to the lower Junior team in that season.

NOTE: The higher level team retains the player's rights for their category at no cost, if the player returns.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.14(d)

Junior players who are going to be reclassified to a lower category Junior team must be released by that Junior team holding the player's playing rights, and reclassified prior to June 15th of the current playing season, or as dictated by the lower category Policy Paper (for Junior B – second Monday in June, and players from Junior A or Junior B being released to Junior C must be reclassified by May 22nd).

NOTE: Players being released after this date will be ineligible to move to the lower Junior team in that season.

NOTE: The higher level team retains the player's rights for their category at no cost, if the player returns.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Updating the date for Junior C reclassification as per their 2022 AGM which was too late for the 2022 Amendments.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

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PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 6.23(f)PROPOSED BY:Joe Hiltz, OSL CommissionerDATE:September 15, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.23(f)

All players rostered in the previous season and playing in the current season, or who appear on the "Protected List" must be reclassified by the VP Junior to Major prior to being rostered to a Senior "B" or Senior "C" team.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.23(f)

Any players meeting either of the following two criteria will be automatically reclassified by the VP Junior - Major prior to being rostered to a Senior "B" or Senior "C" team.

- 1. Player is playing in the current season in a higher category; and/or
- 2. Player appears on a "protected list" for the last higher category league in which they played.

Note: The deadline for reclassification to Senior "B" or Senior "C" is June 30th at 11:59 pm.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

- 1. Clarifies the past practice which was widely accepted for many years.
- 2. Clarifies player rights must belong to a team in order to reclassify. The reclassification form is signed by the player, the releasing club, the receiving club and the VP Jr-Major. Reclassifications are between teams, not leagues. There is no spot for a Commissioner to sign. If a player is a "free agent", there is nothing to prevent them from signing with another team in the same league, nor in a different league.
- 3. Senior lacrosse has no residency. To make up for this, there are additional protected lists to allow more player rights to be retained. This rule appears in a section that applies only to Senior lacrosse, and must continue to be treated differently than the Junior sector.
- 4. The purpose of the additional lists is to help Clubs retain player rights without residency. If a club releases a player and chooses to not put them on any protected lists, they have willingly given up all claims to the player. Why would they need to approve a reclassification of a player they gave up the rights to (and potentially seek compensation)?
- 5. Allows for releases from Sr A to Sr C without involving an additional league. If a player is protected in Sr A and wishes to play Sr C, there is no need to involve Sr B clubs who may also own the player rights at that level.

6. The reason for removing the "prior season" requirement is that if a player finished the season on an active roster, they will appear on their 25 man protected list and will meet criteria #2 to require a reclassification. It is a redundant requirement.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:	R 6.25(d)
PROPOSED BY:	Mike Soulliere, Windsor Junior "B" Clippers
DATE:	September 15, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.25(d)

Any Junior team may have on their playing roster/lineup, for any given game, a maximum of five (5) players who have been rostered as "inter-provincial transfers, as per the Lacrosse Canada interprovincial regulations. These players will be known as "rostered from out-of-province". Any Junior team may roster up to two (2) "out-of-country" players each year and may not have more than four (4) "out-of-country" players on their roster. Teams may not have more than two (2) "out-of-country" players in their lineup for any given game, who were rostered by their organization in any given year. "Out-of-country" players are players who have come to Canada from the USA (or elsewhere) for the purpose of playing Junior lacrosse and have been rostered to an OLA team. A bona-fide family move will not be considered as coming to Ontario for the purpose of playing lacrosse. Any player who has been rostered to an OLA Minor team and has an "out-of-province" or "out-of-country" residence, and has played Minor lacrosse in the OLA for three years (must have played their last three years of Minor lacrosse in Ontario before their draft eligibility year, i.e. played their last year of U15 and two years of U17), will then be classified as a registered OLA player when drafted. The player will no longer have the "out-of-province" or "out-of-country" status attached to their name when drafted. Traded or directly released players who have been rostered to an OLA Junior team as "rostered from out-of-province" (inter-provincial) or "rostered from out-of-country" will carry this status with them to their new Junior team.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.25(d)

Any Junior to Major team may have on their playing roster/lineup, for any given game, a maximum of five (5) players who have been rostered either as "inter-provincial transfers, (as per the Lacrosse Canada inter-provincial regulations), or as "out-of-country" players each year, or a combination of both to a total of 5. Traded or directly released players who have been rostered to an OLA Junior team as "rostered from out-of-province" (inter-provincial) or "rostered from out-of-country" will carry this status with them to their new Junior to Major team. Teams may not have more than two (2) "out-of-country" players in their lineup for any given game, who were rostered by their organization in any given year. "Out-of-country" players are players who have been rostered to Canada from the USA (or elsewhere) for the purpose of playing Junior lacrosse and have been rostered to an OLA team. A bona-fide family move will not be considered as coming to Ontario for the purpose of playing lacrosse. Any player who has been rostered to an OLA Minor team and has an "out-of-province" or "out-of-country" residence, and has played Minor lacrosse in the OLA for three years (must have played their last three years of Minor lacrosse in Ontario before

their draft eligibility year, i.e. played their last year of U15 and two years of U17), will then be classified as a registered OLA player when drafted. The player will no longer have the "out-ofprovince" or "out-of-country" status attached to their name when drafted. Traded or directly released players who have been rostered to an OLA Junior team as "rostered from out-ofprovince" (inter-provincial) or "rostered from out-of-country" will carry this status with them to their new Junior team.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

- 1. This simplifies the rule and allows a combination of 5 players the right to play in any game whether they are from out-of-country or out-of-province.
- 2. The rule only applies to Junior.
- 3. It levels the playing field for border teams who cannot benefit from "next closest centre" status due to their isolation from any nearby Lacrosse centres.
- 4. If the US schools said we will limit the amount of Canadian players who can play in the US, we would cry foul.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 6.38(a)PROPOSED BY:Reg Holinshead, OLA VP Junior-MajorDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.38(a)

Each year, representatives of those Junior "A" teams in good standing with the OLA will meet for the purpose of drafting overage U17 players (those players in their 17th year). This draft will be known as "The U17 Entry Draft." These players will be drafted from OLA Minor organizations operating outside of Junior "A" centres. These players will have participated in the OLA U17 Series in at least one of the past two seasons. Players participating in Junior "B" or Junior "C" or U22 in the previous season and meeting the age and participation requirements, will also be eligible for the draft. Each team eligible to draft will be allowed two draft selections.

NOTE: Centres that have a Junior "B" or Junior "C" club may only have one player selected in each year. Only one goalie can be drafted from a Junior "B" or Junior "C" centre in a 5-year period.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.38(a)

Each year, representatives of those Junior "A" teams in good standing with the OLA will meet for the purpose of drafting overage U17 players (those players in their 17th year). This draft will be known as "The U17 Entry Draft." These players will be drafted from OLA Minor organizations operating outside of Junior "A" centres. These players will have participated in the OLA U17 Series in at least one of the past two seasons. Players participating in Junior "B" or Junior "C" or U22 in the previous season and meeting the age and participation requirements, will also be eligible for the draft. Each team eligible to draft will be allowed two draft selections.

NOTE: Centres that have a Junior "B" or Junior "C" club may only have one player selected in each year. Only one goalie can be drafted from a Junior "B" or Junior "C" centre in a 5-year period. If players are drafted and later found to be ineligible for any reason, the draft pick will be declared null and void and that draft pick is lost to the drafting club.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To clarify what happens when an ineligible player is mistakenly drafted and dictates the outcome clearly. This takes the pressure off of the club that would otherwise have access to the player to approve the draft anyway and not look like the bad guy.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

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PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 6.38(f)PROPOSED BY:Bob Clevely, Deputy OJLL Commissioner, on behalf of the JMOCDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R6.39(f)

If drafted player in subsequently released to a lower category team, his playing rights will revert to the lower category team from which he was drafted.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R6.39(f)

If a drafted player is not rostered with the Junior "A" team and is subsequently released to a lower category team, his playing rights will revert to the lower category team from which he was drafted. The drafting Junior "A" team cannot send the released player(s) to the Junior "A" club's affiliated team(s). The players must go to their residential Junior team, or to the next closest Junior team from their residence, if they are not rostered with the team that drafted them.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To clear up any controversy about the Junior "A" teams being able to send a drafted but released player to the Junior A's affiliate instead of back to the players' residential team. This is consistent with the rules already in place but have been not followed in some instances in the past.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 7.01(b)PROPOSED BY:Dave Vernon, OJBLL CommissionerDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.01(b)

All Junior to Major teams may have affiliated with it one additional team from outside their residence centre which is currently unaffiliated, at the specified level requested. If the lower category team is affiliated by residence, then it must have the permission of the higher category team(s) to which it is residentially affiliated.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.01(b)

All Junior to Major teams may have affiliated with it one additional **lower-ranked** team from outside their residence centre which is currently unaffiliated, **at the specified level requested.** If the lower category team is affiliated by residence, then it must have the permission of the higher category team(s) to which it is residentially affiliated.

NOTE:

Affiliation is an opportunity for the lower ranked players to play up with the higher ranked team in a greater number of games than if they were unaffiliated, as long as they don't exceed the percentage ruling [see R7.07 (d)]. Affiliated players cannot play for any other unaffiliated teams.

Affiliation does not imply "ownership". If a player for the lower ranked team has an opportunity to sign with an unaffiliated higher ranked team, either during the season or after, for the "Rent-a-Player" program, [see R6.09 note]), the higher ranked affiliated team has no input in the decision to permit the move.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping to clarify the intent of the rule.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 7.01(c)PROPOSED BY:Bob Clevely, Deputy OJLL CommissionerDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.01(c)

A Junior "A" team can assign an unlimited number of resident players to their affiliate prior to June 15th.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.01(c)

A Junior "A" team can assign an unlimited number of resident players to their affiliate prior to June 15th. The player being assigned has the right to choose if they go to the affiliate, or go to the team that they would otherwise play with based on their residence. If there is no other Junior team in their residential area, they may go to the next nearest centre as usual.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Clarifies that the player has the right to decline the assignment to the affiliate, which could be against their wishes or problematic to play there. It could be a long distance away, for example. This is current practice but clears up any discussion or confusion.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 7.01(f)PROPOSED BY:Reg Holinshead, OLA VP Junior-MajorDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

NEW

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.01(f)

Any Senior "B" team without a residential affiliate may affiliate with both a Senior "C" and a Junior "B" or Junior "C" team, which are not currently affiliated to another team.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To bring the Senior "B" League in line with the Senior "A" (Major) ruling in R7.01(e).

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 7.04PROPOSED BY:Dave Vernon, OJBLL CommissionerDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.04

A Junior "A" team affiliated with a Junior "B" team can share an affiliation with a U22 team if both clubs are supplying players to the U22 team and there is U22 lacrosse in only one of the two centres.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

Two Junior teams (Junior "A", Junior "B" or Junior "C") located in the next nearest centre can share an affiliation with a lower ranked team if both clubs are supplying players to that team. Players from the two Junior teams could only play up with the team from which they came.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

This allows a joint affiliation between two Junior teams with a lower ranked team. In other words, Junior A & Junior B teams (or two at the same level), might both affiliate with a Junior C or U22 team as long as both are sending players to that team.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 7.04(b)PROPOSED BY:Dave Vernon, OJBLL CommissionerDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.04(b)

Two Jr. B teams in adjacent or next closest centers can share an affiliation with an U22 team if both clubs are supplying players to the U22 team and there is only U22 lacrosse in one of the two centers.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

DELETE

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

If the revised R7.04 is passed, this becomes redundant.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 7.07(d)PROPOSED BY:Tricia Chilton, Guelph Regals Minor Lacrosse PresidentDATE:September 11, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R7.07(d)

Where it is found that, at the end of a team's regular season, a rostered player has played in a higher percentage of games with their higher ranked affiliated team, than with the team to which they are rostered, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in playoffs with the lower ranked team. The Corporation will act only upon written complaint and under the same terms as an official protest (see Regulation R15.01 to R15.04).

Notes:

Players in their 17th and 18th birth years will be exempt from this rule.

Players who are injured may have their games count as played, only if they provide a Physician's note stating that they were injured and unable to play for those games.

Players under suspension are ineligible to play for either team and games will only count in the League in which the suspensions were served.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R7.07(d)

Where it is found that, at the end of a team's regular season, a **registered**, **signed and/or** rostered player has played in a higher percentage of games with their higher ranked affiliated team, than with the team to which they are **registered**, **signed and/or** rostered, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in playoffs with the lower ranked team. The Corporation will act only upon written complaint and under the same terms as an official protest (see Regulation R15.01 to R15.04).

Notes:

Players in their 17th and 18th birth years will be exempt from this rule. This rule also applies to U22 registered players who participate as affiliated players with Junior and/or Senior teams.

Players who are injured may have their games count as played, only if they provide a Physician's note stating that they were injured and unable to play for those games.

Players under suspension are ineligible to play for either team and games will only count in the League in which the suspensions were served.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

- 1. This address the issue of "Phantom U22 Players". Junior level players are signed to U22 cards but do not report to or play any games for their registered team, instead playing for multiple affiliated Junior teams. This creates a loophole in which a minor player (government by MR rules) is not subject to R7.07d. The loophole allowed players to participate in Junior C playoffs despite playing a higher percentage of games with Junior B and Jr A teams.
- 2. The age exemption allows Junior teams to circumvent roster size limits, with unlimited usage of U22 players in their 17th and 18th birth years. When those Junior teams are eliminated, the players are "sent down" to U22, providing their teams with an unfair advantage late in the season. If a player is strong enough to play a higher percentage of Junior games than U22, they are for all intents & purposes a Junior player and should not be competing in the U22 division.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 19.01PROPOSED BY:George MacDonald, OLA VP FinanceDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R19.01

The Corporation shall receive 15% of the gross gate receipts after officials have been paid, from all group playoff games, replays of protested playoff games, sudden victory games to decide final league standings, all league playoff games, all round robin and all playoffs, quarter final, semi-final and final rounds in all series.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

R19.01

The Corporation shall receive 15% of the **gross** net gate receipts after officials **and floor-time** have been paid **(up to the cap for each league)**, from all group playoff games, replays of protested playoff games, all league playoff games, all round robin and all playoffs, quarter final, semi-final and final rounds in all series.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Housekeeping to bring the ruling into line with current practice and agreement in place with Junior to Major leagues.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:R 19.02PROPOSED BY:George MacDonald, OLA VP FinanceDATE:September 13, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

R19.02

In case of finals being played as a single game, the Corporation shall receive twenty-five percent of the gross gate receipts and the remaining 75% after expenses shall be divided equally between the participating clubs.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

DELETE

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

No longer applicable as single playoff game no longer occur. If passed, the remainder of R 19 must be automatically renumbered.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		





PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.04(a)PROPOSED BY:Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor LacrosseDATE:September 11, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.04(a)

All players and non-playing bench personnel must be registered for the appropriate sector and clubapproved for the current season prior to any participation. For clubs which offer combined box and field teams or programs, all players and non-playing bench personnel must register for both sectors prior to any participation. The final date for submitting completed membership certificates for all personnel for approval is:

Box – June 1st; Field – The Friday immediately preceding the start of Week 3 at 11:59pm EST, Women's Field – June 15th.

Appeals of membership eligibility must be submitted by the Club President, in writing, within four business days of notification of ineligibility.

NOTE: Completed membership certificates for coaches/trainers must include proof of NCCP/trainer certification. As per MR2.12 (b)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.04(a)

All players and non-playing bench personnel must be registered for the appropriate sector and club-approved for the current season prior to any participation. For clubs which offer combined box and field teams or programs, all players and **coaches** must register for both sectors prior to any participation. **Trainers, managers, and volunteers do not need to be registered in separate sectors.** The final date for submitting completed membership certificates for all personnel for approval is:

Box – June 1st; Field – The Friday immediately preceding the start of Week 3 at 11:59pm EST, Women's Field – June 15th.

Appeals of membership eligibility must be submitted by the Club President, in writing, within four business days of notification of ineligibility.

NOTE: Completed membership certificates for coaches/trainers must include proof of NCCP/trainer certification. As per MR2.12 (b)

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Removing requirement for trainers, volunteers, and managers to be registered in separate sectors. These roles do not have sector specific skills or certification requirements.

As per current rules and process one trainer, manager or volunteer may need to register four different times (Rep Box, Men's Field, Women's Field, Fall Field) and requires twelve approvals (4x association registrar, 4x league/zone registrar, 4x OLA).

This change reduces the burden for all volunteers in this process, reduces errors, and eliminates potential conflict caused by administration of the current requirement.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.04(a)PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP MinorDATE:September 14, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.04(a)

All players and non-playing bench personnel must be registered for the appropriate sector and clubapproved for the current season prior to any participation. For clubs which offer combined box and field teams or programs, all players and non-playing bench personnel must register for both sectors prior to any participation. The final date for submitting completed membership certificates for all personnel for approval is:

Box – June 1st; Field – The Friday immediately preceding the start of Week 3 at 11:59pm EST, Women's Field – June 15th.

Appeals of membership eligibility must be submitted by the Club President, in writing, within four business days of notification of ineligibility.

NOTE: Completed membership certificates for coaches/trainers must include proof of NCCP/trainer certification. As per MR2.12 (b)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.04(a)

All players and non-playing bench personnel must must have completed online registration for the appropriate sector and be club and OLA-approved for the current season prior to any physical participation.

Any Club or League found to have permitted a player or any non-playing bench personnel to participate prior to having completed online registration and having club and OLA approval will be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1000.00 per player or non-playing bench personnel. Such player or non-playing bench personnel will ineligible to participate until their registration is reviewed.

For clubs which offer combined box and field teams or programs, all players and non-playing bench personnel must register for both sectors prior to any participation. The final date for submitting completed membership certificates for all personnel for approval is:

Box – June 1st; Field – The Friday immediately preceding the start of Week 3 at 11:59pm EST, Women's Field – June 15th.

Appeals of membership eligibility must be submitted by the Club President, in writing, within four business days of notification of ineligibility.

NOTE: Completed membership certificates for coaches/trainers must include proof of NCCP/trainer certification. As per MR2.12 (b)

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Participation of unregistered players or non-playing bench personnel exposes all of us to unnecessary risk. This amendment brings this section in-line with current practice: appeals of membership are no longer conducted.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.08PROPOSED BY:Todd Powless, Oshawa Blue Knights Minor LacrosseDATE:September 8, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.08

Any player wishing to play house-league only may register anywhere he/she wishes to play. No club shall require a release for a player to play house-league only. Players playing under this provision may not attend a rep tryout or play in any rep game as an alternate for a team for which they would not be eligible to play under current residency rules. Clubs will keep a list and update current registration software with annotation of players house-league only status to ensure adhesion to this rule.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.08

A player resident in a community represented by a club with a team entered in any category for which they are eligible to play, must register with that club except where such player's services are waived by that club subject to the provisions of MR3.11.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To remove the ability for players to play house league wherever they wish without first obtaining a release from their resident club. All players regardless of category must register in their residence center in order to ensure resident center players are fully aware of the local club programs and offerings. In principle, no one would deny house-league only players a release. However, the current rule allows for players to bypass the current club, without the club ever having the opportunity to promote their local club or 'sell' the benefits of playing on a local team. Promoting the local club in their resident market is key for rebuilding after experiencing the detrimental effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on registrations. Additionally, Oshawa experienced a situation where a neighbouring house league coach recruited several Oshawa-based U9 girls' players for a girls-only house league team, which eventually folded. These players would have been eligible to play Rep in Oshawa and could have gone on to form the club's first core of girls' players to form their own team.

Finally, removing this provision will also allow for the smoother operation of a potential third category of play such as Select or Recreational Tournament teams, etc.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.08(b)PROPOSED BY:Todd Powless, Oshawa Blue Knights Minor LacrosseDATE:September 8, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.08(b)

A player who is eligible but resident in a municipality with no minor team in any group for which he/she is eligible, shall sign with the club which is the next closest centre. The distance shall be measured from the player's residence to the two or more municipalities concerned, by the shortest route (excluding toll roads) and by mileage shown on the search engine dictated for OLA registrations for the current playing season. Such player must return to his resident municipality the next year of play; at which time, should the club have no team for which he/she is eligible, the player returns to the association with which he/she was previously signed and is considered unconditionally released.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.08(b)

A **rep** player who is eligible but resident in a municipality with no minor team in any group for which **they** are eligible, shall sign with the club which is the next closest centre. The distance shall be measured from the player's residence to the two or more municipalities concerned, by the shortest route (excluding toll roads) and by mileage shown on the search engine dictated for OLA registrations for the current playing season. Such player must return to **their** resident municipality the next year of play; at which time, should the club have no team for which **they are** eligible, the player returns to the association with which **they were** previously signed and is considered unconditionally released.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To restrict the eligibility of unconditional releases to rep players only.

Changing this article allows clubs to promote and build their house leagues and work toward attractive recreational and local programming.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.08(b)PROPOSED BY:Eddy Jack, Zone 8 DirectorDATE:September 11, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.08(b)

A player who is eligible but resident in a municipality with no minor team in any group for which he/she is eligible, shall sign with the club which is the next closest centre. The distance shall be measured from the player's residence to the two or more municipalities concerned, by the shortest route (excluding toll roads) and by mileage shown on the search engine dictated for OLA registrations for the current playing season. Such player must return to his resident municipality the next year of play; at which time, should the club have no team for which he/she is eligible, the player returns to the association with which he/she was previously signed and is considered unconditionally released.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.08(b)

A player who is eligible but resident in a municipality with no minor team in any group for which he/she is eligible, shall sign with the club which is the next closest centre. **If two or more club municipalities are within an eight (8) kilometer difference from the players residence to the municipal boundaries the player shall have their choice. Once the choice has been determined the player shall remain as a member of that club until properly released.** The distance shall be measured from the player's residence to the two or more municipalities concerned, by the shortest route (excluding toll roads) and by mileage shown on the search engine dictated for OLA registrations for the current playing season. Such player must return to his resident municipality the next year of play; at which time, should the club have no team for which he/she is eligible, the player returns to the association with which he/she was previously signed and is considered unconditionally released.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The addition or reinstatement of the eight-kilometer variance allows any players residing in a nonlacrosse municipality the opportunity to make a reasonable choice to register in a more convenient environment. School boundaries, parental careers, ride sharing, and general daily activities contribute to the choices people make.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

2024 OLA Proposed Amendments

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.08(d)PROPOSED BY:Todd Powless, Oshawa Blue Knights Minor LacrosseDATE:September 8, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.08(d)

All signed players must have their residence only placed on all OLA Registration Forms. Mailing addresses used in rural areas will not be accepted (i.e. – R. R. #8). Rural players must give their lot, concession number as well as the village, town(ship) or city which they reside.

NOTE: Paperweight players must return to their own resident association once attaining U9 age. Soft lacrosse players must return to their own resident association once attaining U9 age.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.08(d)

All signed players must have their residence only placed on all OLA Registration Forms. Mailing addresses used in rural areas will not be accepted (i.e. – R. R. #8). Rural players must give their lot, concession number as well as the village, town(ship) or city which they reside.

NOTE: Paperweight rep players must return to their own resident association once attaining U9 age. Soft lacrosse players must return to their own resident association once attaining U7 age. **Rep players reverting to House League status in the current year must return to their own resident association.**

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To restrict the eligibility of unconditional releases to U9 and above rep players only, to ensure new U7 house league players register in their resident center, and to ensure that players that do not make a rep team must return to play in their resident center house league.

Changing this article allows clubs to promote and build their house leagues and work toward attractive local recreational programming.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.09(a)PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor BoxDATE:September 14, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.09(a) Residence Rule:

This shall be an area in which he/she has been living with his family as of January 1st of the playing year. If a player makes a bona fide change of residence after January 1st and has qualified with a club, such a change of residence must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors before such a player is entitled to play with the club he first qualified with. Any member claiming to have moved but cannot substantiate it as bona fide may be fined up to \$300 and may not appeal until bona fide documentation is provided to the OLA Program Director. The list of documentation required to prove a bona fide move will be provided by the OLA Program Director.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.09(a) Residence Rule:

This shall be an area in which he/she has been living with his family as of January 1st of the playing year. If a player makes a bona fide change of residence after January 1st and has qualified with a club, such a change of residence must be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors before such a player is entitled to play with the club he first qualified with. Any member claiming to have moved but cannot substantiate it as bona fide **within the established timeline** will be fined **\$750** and may not appeal until bona fide documentation is provided to the OLA Program Director. **Bona fide move documentation is at the sole discretion of the Program Director and is not subject to appeal.** The list of documentation required to prove a bona fide move will be provided by the OLA Program Director.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To prevent individuals from circumventing the established OLA residency rules.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.12(b)PROPOSED BY:Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor LacrosseDATE:September 11, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.12(b) BOX AND FIELD QUALIFICATIONS

All approved and carded bench box and field personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in OLA sanctioned games;

- 1. A first year minor coach / bench personnel must have successfully completed Coaching 1 (Community Development) Clinic of the same year;
- 2. All coaches coaching U13 box or U11 field and below need to be Community Coach Development in-training or trained
- 3. All coaches coaching U15 box or U13 field and above would need to be Competitive Introduction in Training or Trained. Accompanying workbook must be completed by December 31st of the same year.
- 4. Trainers must have an approved and valid trainer's certificate (or its equivalent) and must be present during all zone, league, interlock, tournament and Provincial play.

NOTE: All rep teams must have a certified coach and a certified trainer on their bench (however only one certified trainer is allowed on the bench at any one time). In case of emergency, a team may agree to have the opposition team's trainer act as their own.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.12(b) BOX AND FIELD QUALIFICATIONS

All approved and carded bench box and field personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in OLA sanctioned games;

- 1. A first year minor coach / bench personnel must have successfully completed Coaching 1 (Community Development) Clinic of the same year;
- 2. All coaches coaching U13 box or U11 field and below need to be Community Coach Development in-training or trained
- 3. All coaches coaching U15 box or U13 field and above would need to be Competitive Introduction in Training or Trained. Accompanying workbook must be completed by December 31st of the same year.
- 4. Trainers must have an approved and valid trainer's certificate (or its equivalent). A registered and approved trainer and must be present during all zone, league, interlock, tournament and Provincial play.

NOTE: All rep teams must have a certified coach and a certified trainer on their bench (however only one certified trainer is allowed on the bench at any one time). In case of emergency, a team may

agree to have the opposition team's trainer act as their own.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Wording clarification for trainers. As it presently reads, it could be interpreted that any registered trainer must be present during all games.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:	MR 2.12(b)
PROPOSED BY:	Rick Phillips, OLA VP Coaching
DATE:	September 14, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.12(b) BOX AND FIELD QUALIFICATIONS

All approved and carded bench box and field personnel must meet the following requirements to participate in OLA sanctioned games;

- 1. A first year minor coach / bench personnel must have successfully completed Coaching 1 (Community Development) Clinic of the same year;
- 2. All coaches coaching U13 box or U11 field and below need to be Community Coach Development in-training or trained
- 3. All coaches coaching U15 box or U13 field and above would need to be Competitive Introduction in Training or Trained. Accompanying workbook must be completed by December 31st of the same year.
- 4. Trainers must have an approved and valid trainer's certificate (or its equivalent) and must be present during all zone, league, interlock, tournament and Provincial play.

NOTE: All rep teams must have a certified coach and a certified trainer on their bench (however only one certified trainer is allowed on the bench at any one time). In case of emergency, a team may agree to have the opposition team's trainer act as their own.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.12(b) BOX AND FIELD QUALIFICATIONS

All approved and carded bench box and field personnel must meet the regulations outlined in the OLA Coaching Pathway to participate in OLA sanctioned games.

NOTE: All rep teams must have a certified coach and a certified trainer on their bench (however only one certified trainer is allowed on the bench at any one time). In case of emergency, a team may agree to have the opposition team's trainer act as their own.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Current information is not accurate, the Coaching Pathways document is kept up to date with Lacrosse Canada Coaching requirements.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

2024 OLA Proposed Amendments

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.12(c)PROPOSED BY:Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor LacrosseDATE:September 11, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.12 (c) WOMEN'S FIELD QUALIFICATIONS

All approved and carded bench women's field personnel must meet the following requirements (CLA Women's Field Lacrosse Minimum Coaching Standards Policy 20.6) to participate in any OWFL / OLA sanctioned games;

- 1. A first year minor coach / bench personnel must have successfully completed Coaching 1 (Community Development) Clinic of the same year;
- 2. All coaches coaching U15 women's field and below need to be Community Coach Development in-training or trained
- 3. All coaches coaching U19 women's field and above would need to be Competitive Introduction in Training or Trained. Accompanying workbook must be completed by December 31st of the same year.
- 4. Trainers must have an approved and valid trainer's certificate (or its equivalent) and must be present during all league, interlock, tournament and Provincial play.

NOTE: All rep teams must have a certified coach and a certified trainer on their bench (however only one certified trainer is allowed on the bench at any one time). In case of emergency, a team may agree to have the opposition team's trainer act as theirs.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.12 (c) WOMEN'S FIELD QUALIFICATIONS

All approved and carded bench women's field personnel must meet the following requirements (CLA Women's Field Lacrosse Minimum Coaching Standards Policy 20.6) to participate in any OWFL / OLA sanctioned games;

- A first year minor coach / bench personnel must have successfully completed Coaching 1 (Community Development) Clinic of the same year;
- 2. All coaches coaching U15 women's field and below need to be Community Coach Development in-training or trained
- 3. All coaches coaching U19 women's field and above would need to be Competitive Introduction in Training or Trained. Accompanying workbook must be completed by December 31st of the same year.
- 4. Trainers must have an approved and valid trainer's certificate (or its equivalent). A registered and approved trainer and must be present during all league, interlock, tournament and Provincial play.

NOTE: All rep teams must have a certified coach and a certified trainer on their bench (however only one certified trainer is allowed on the bench at any one time). In case of emergency, a team may agree to have the opposition team's trainer act as theirs.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Wording clarification for trainers. As it presently reads, it could be interpreted that any registered trainer must be present during all games.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 2.14PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor BoxDATE:September 15, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR2.14

Any player and/or bench personnel not registered who shall participate in Corporation sanctioned competition shall forfeit the game and be subject to a fine of two hundred (\$200.00) dollars and suspended until dealt with. (See MR10.10)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR2.14

Any **ineligible** player and/or bench personnel **who is found to have participated** in Corporation sanctioned competition shall forfeit the game and be subject to a fine **not to exceed \$1000.00** and suspended until dealt with. (See MR10.10)

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Participation of unregistered individuals is dealt with in MR2.04 (a). This is now clarifying the use of ineligible individuals. The fine amount was set at \$200 over 20 years ago, and is no longer appropriate given the rate of inflation.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 3.04(b)PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor BoxDATE:September 15, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.04(b)

Prior to the Club Registrar approving any registrations at the club level, where residency is in doubt, it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to promptly verify, in writing, with the Zone / League Registrar to ensure the rights of said player(s) would belong to that club.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.04(b)

Prior to the Club Registrar approving any registrations at the club level, where residency is in doubt, it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to promptly verify, in writing, with the **Provincial** Registrar to ensure the rights of said player(s) would belong to that club.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Removal of the middle step of the (online) registration process increases efficiency and steamlines the entire registration process.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 3.04(c)PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor BoxDATE:September 15, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.04(c)

If a player is found to be incorrectly registered it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to immediately advise the player, in writing, with a copy to the correct association and the League / Zone Registrar.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.04(c)

If a player is found to be incorrectly registered it is the responsibility of the Club Registrar to immediately advise the player, in writing, with a copy to the correct association and the **Provincial** Registrar.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Removal of the middle step of the (online) registration process increases efficiency and steamlines the entire registration process. -

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
	DEFEATED		

PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 3.09PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP Minor BoxDATE:September 15, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.09

Where it is found that a registered minor player eligible for a Junior team has played in a higher percentage of Junior games than minor games, the player will be declared ineligible to participate in U17 or U22 playoffs. The Corporation will act only upon written complaint and under the same terms as an official protest. (MR10.06)

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.09(a)

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MR3.09(b)

Irrespective of where any player is registered, signed or rostered, a player participating in more than one age division and/or Junior or Senior series is only eligible to participate in playoffs in the division and/or series in which he/she has played the higher percentage of regular season games. This eligibility is determined at the first playoff date in any division and/ or series in which the player has participated.

Any player found to be playing illegally under this rule, shall automatically be suspended indefinitely. Any coach or manager found guilty of playing an ineligible player or players under this rule will be fined and automatically suspended indefinitely. The fine will not exceed \$1000.00.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

With three Junior series' and both a U17 and U22 division, there have been increased instances of players' registrations being "parked" in one division but predominantly utilized in another division throughout the season, before returning to minor lacrosse.

In order to fairly balance minor lacrosse divisions for the Ontario Lacrosse Festival, while also respecting a Junior teams need to utilize players on an on-call basis throughout the season, this amendment would ensure that players who participate on a regular basis in Junior lacrosse while

playing a minimal number of minor games (or in certain cases, no minor games at all) would be eligible only for the division in which they're actually participating in.

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PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 3.10PROPOSED BY:Adam Kennedy, Burlington Blaze Minor LacrosseDATE:September 11, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.10

No rep player may be conditionally released more than once to the same club. If a club releases a rep player to the same club a second time, that player is unconditionally released to that club.

A player released to play House League may not play Rep for that Club seeking that player's release, either as an AP or otherwise, without the releasing club's written permission. Any player released to play house league may be released more than once to the same club without becoming unconditionally released.

BOX NOTE: Paperweight players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association. Soft Lacrosse players must return to their own resident association once attaining Paperweight age.

FIELD NOTE: All players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association.

WOMEN'S FIELD NOTE: U9 players must register with their own resident association and obtain a release in order to play for another association.

U9 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U11 division play.

U11 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U13 division play.

U13 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U15 division play.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.10

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U9 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U11 division play. U11 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U13 division play. U13 players must return to their own resident association once attaining U15 division play.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

Removing mandatory requirement for unconditionally released women's field players moving from U13 to U15 to return to their resident association for U15.

Allows players who may have been playing outside their center for up to six previous years (Grades 1 through 6) to remain with their teammates for Grade 7 and onwards.

Balances the incentive for associations to develop interest in the sport at younger age groups with the time it typically takes to grow that interest (registrations in girls field lacrosse are typically lower in U9 and U11 age groups).

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 3.11PROPOSED BY:Chuck Miller, OLA Past PresidentDATE:September 12, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR3.11

Under no circumstances shall the Board of Directors, release a player from a club, if said player and club have not been invited to attend the meeting at which such releases are being considered.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR3.11

Under no circumstances **shall a player be released from a club**, if said player and club have not been invited to attend the **hearing** at which such releases are being considered.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

At every level for a player release, the player and/or their parent/guardian, has to be invited to the hearing.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 7PROPOSED BY:Beth Pollock, Zone 5 DirectorDATE:September 10, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

NEW

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR7

If a team is applying for more than one tournament, at least one of their tournaments must be outside of their zone.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

The rationale for the suggested change is to encourage teams to travel to other centers to play lacrosse, thereby providing opportunities to meet new teams as well as to aid with the development of tournaments outside of central Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP VOTING OUTCOME			
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PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 7.02(a)PROPOSED BY:Beth Pollock, Zone 5 DirectorDATE:September 10, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR7.02 (a)

Prior to the OLA Provincial Championships, the Corporation shall rank all clubs and place them into ratings (A, B, C, etc.) using the rankings that are calculated by MyLAXrankings.com. To receive an accurate ranking and qualify for Provincial Championship Play, all teams must play a minimum of ten (10) games, which must include one (1) tournament. These games may be a combination of Zone play, tournament games and/or approved non-Zone games (house league games excluded). Additionally, all teams must fulfill their Zone commitment and be members in good standing. These games must be completed by the following:

- 1. 'A' Qualifier teams 11 days prior to the first day of Qualifier play; and
- Teams competing in the Provincial Festival (U9 through U22) 18 days prior to the first day of Festival play

Any team who has played less than six (6) games will not be eligible to participate in the Provincial Championships. Any team who has played between six (6) and ten (10) games may be considered for approval to participate in the Provincial Championships by the OLA's Invitational Tournament Committee. The OLA's Invitational Tournament Committee will consist of a minimum of the following persons: OLA VP Minor (or their delegate), two Zone Directors and two Members At Large, as well as one OLA Staff Member.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

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REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

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PROPOSED ARTICLE:MR 8.04PROPOSED BY:Mary Sticca, OLA VP MinorDATE:September 15, 2023

PRESENTLY READS:

MR8.04(a)

The Corporation reserves the right through its officials to order the removal from all or any grounds, stadium or arena (including the parts reserved for spectators paying/admission) of any person guilty of ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike conduct, and if the club fails to carry out the officials' orders in this connection, it may be fined.

MR8.04(b)

All persons, including those who pay admission fees or receive passes, who attend matches under the jurisdiction of the Corporation, shall be deemed to have agreed that they were admitted to the grounds on condition that they would subject themselves to and abide by the provision of the Constitution and rules of the Corporation, even to the extent that they may be subjected to the necessary force to insure their expulsion by the Police, the officials or the officers of the home club.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO READ:

MR 8.04(a)

Previous to the start of any game, the officials shall ensure that what they deem to be proper provision for the maintenance of order has been provided.

MR 8.04(b)

The host/home club in all matches shall be responsible for keeping players benches, penalty box and dressing rooms area clear of spectators and for the maintenance of good order throughout the facility.

MR 8.04(c)

In cases where the spectators in any way interfere with the players or officials so as to delay the progress or affect the result of the match, the officials shall declare the match off and report the circumstances to the Zone Director or League Commissioner and sector VP immediately.

MR8.04(d)

The Corporation reserves the right through its officials to order the removal from all or any grounds, stadium or arena (including the parts reserved for spectators paying/admission) of any person guilty

of ungentlemanly or unsportsmanlike conduct, and if the club fails to carry out the officials' orders in this connection, it may be fined.

MR8.04 (e)

All persons, including those who pay admission fees or receive passes, who attend matches under the jurisdiction of the Corporation, shall be deemed to have agreed that they were admitted to the grounds on condition that they would subject themselves to and abide by the provision of the Constitution and rules of the Corporation, even to the extent that they may be subjected to the necessary force to insure their expulsion by the Police, the officials or the officers of the home club.

REASON FOR PROPOSING CHANGE:

To clarify the expectation and responsibility surrounding the provision of safety for players, volunteers, bench staff, officials and spectators. This section will now mirror Article R XI – Maintenance of Order.

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